Executive Proclamation

State of South Dakota

Office Of The Governor

WHEREAS, The loss of both hearing and sight is a severe disorder and creates unique and often costly needs; and,

WHEREAS, The deaf-blind population in South Dakota is small and often overlooked by the general public and we, as citizens of the state, nee to be aware of their potential to become productive participants in society; and,

WHEREAS, Parents, teachers and others in the educational community and citizens of the State of South Dakota support deaf-blind programs with their time and expertise, and there is a continuing need for post-education services, vocational preparation, and employment opportunities for deaf-blind individuals; and,

WHEREAS, It has become a national, as well as a state, priority to move deaf-blind individuals from schools and institutions into the community and employment environment; and,

WHEREAS, Only through public awareness of the needs, abilities, and potential of all deaf-blind persons can we foster independence, create opportunities for: employment, and maximize the ability of deaf-blind Americans to achieve:

NOW, THEREFORE, I, GEORGE S. MICKELSON, Governor of the State of South Dakota, do hereby proclaim the week June 21-27, 1987, as

DEAF-BLIND AWARENESS WEEK

in South Dakota.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Governor's Seal of the State of South Dakota, in Pierre, the Capital City, this Third Day of June, in the Year of Our Lord, Nineteen Hundred and Eighty-Seven

GEORGE S. MICKELSON, GOVERNOR

ATTEST:

JOYCE HAZELTINE, SECRETARY OF STATE